

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are now pending in the application. Claim 9 is currently amended. Claim 10 is cancelled. No claims are newly added. Support for the foregoing amendment can be found throughout the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 9 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to embody the program on a computer readable medium. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 1-8 are allowed and claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 10 has been cancelled. Therefore, assuming the amendment to claim 9 overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101, claims 1-9 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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